AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 18, line 30 to page 19, line 3, as follows:

mCAR and hCAR expression vectors were constructed by cloning an entire mCAR (GenBank Accession No: AF009327, deposited on July 22, 1997) or hCAR (GenBank Accession No: Z30425, deposited on March 8, 1994) coding sequence into *BamHI* and *XhoI* sites of pCR3 plasmid as described previously (Sueyoshi *et al.*, *J Biol Chem* 274:6043-6, 1999). Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was used to amplify the desired hCAR or mCAR fragment from the plasmid. The amplified fragments used for the chimeras were nucleotides encoding amino acids: 1 to 86 of mCAR and 77 to 348 of hCAR (mhh), 1 to 116 of mCAR and 107 to 348 of hCAR (mmh), 1 to 76 of hCAR and 87 to 358 of mCAR (hmm), 1 to 106 of hCAR and 117 to 358 of mCAR (hhm). These fragments were PCR amplified using pfu polymerase and enzymatically phosphorylated primers. The amplified fragments were ligated, and a second PCR amplification was performed on the ligated DNA with the primers for 5' and 3' end of the chimeric DNA. The resulting second PCR products were cloned into a pCR3 vector (Invitrogen) with newly created *BamHI* and *XhoI* sites at the 5' and the 3' ends, respectively. All chimeras were confirmed by sequencing.